

## House Resolution No. 2998

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to welcome individuals of note who are visiting our great state; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Nate Parker, acclaimed actor, athlete, and screenwriter, who will be visiting St. Louis, Missouri, on May 14, 2008, as a part of the multi-city tour of “Continuing the Debate”; and

**Whereas**, Nate Parker, an All-American wrestler at the University of Oklahoma, has a leading role in the film “The Great Debaters”, in which he portrays Henry Lowe, a member of the 1930s-era Wiley College all-black debate team; and

**Whereas**, Nate Parker also has to his acting credit two other feature films, “Tunnel Rats” and Rome and Jewel”, and his television appearances include “Valley of the Wolves”, “Cold Case”, and “The Unit”; and

**Whereas**, “Continuing the Debate” features Nate Parker of “The Great Debaters”, which was directed by Hollywood legend Denzel Washington, and is framed to build confidence, promote education, and affirm the power of the word among our nation’s students; and

**Whereas**, other cities that are a part of the tour include Detroit, Kansas City, Omaha, Little Rock, Montgomery, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and Washington, D.C.; and

**Whereas**, local charities that serve students will benefit financially from the tour, which is being funded solely through sponsorships:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend a warm Show-Me State welcome to Nate Parker on the occasion of his visit to our fair state on May 14, 2008, with our best wishes and most sincere hopes for his continued success; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Nate Parker.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Juanita Head Walton, No. 81

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Representative Connie L. Johnson, No. 61

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Representative Craig Bland, No. 43

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Representative Shalonn "Kiki" Curls, No. 41

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2998, adopted May 13, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker